

circle of opportunity, to deepen the meaning of our freedom, to form that more perfect union. Let that be our gift to the 21st century. God bless you and God bless the United States.

At 10 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m., the President of the United States retired from the Hall of the House, followed by his Cabinet.

The Chief Justice of the United States and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court retired from the Hall of the House.

The ambassadors, ministers and charges d'affaires of foreign governments retired from the Hall of the House.

The SPEAKER, at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m., then declared the joint session of the two Houses dissolved.

The Vice President and Members of the Senate retired from the Hall of the House.

¶1.30 REFERENCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On motion of Mr. DUNCAN, the message of the President, as delivered, was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-178).

¶1.31 SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

Bills and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 191. An Act to throttle criminal use of guns; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 758. An Act to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

S. 1172. An Act for the relief of Sylvester Flis.

S. 1213. An Act to establish a National Ocean Council, a Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes, and in addition, to the Committee(s) on Resources, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1566. An Act to amend the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 to protect the voting rights of military personnel, and for other purposes, and in addition, to the Committee(s) on Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors.

¶1.32 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. SCHIFF, for today through February 13, 1998;

To Mr. ORTIZ, for today through February 3, 1998;

To Mr. BECERRA, for today and the balance; and

To Mr. RUSH, for today.

And then,

¶1.33 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. DUNCAN, pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 338, at 10 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m., the House adjourned out of respect for the late Honorable Sonny Bono until 1 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, January 28, 1998, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to.

¶1.34 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILL

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, report of committees was delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Pursuant to the order of the House on November 13, 1997 the following report was filed on December 19, 1997]

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. H.R. 217. A bill to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance amounts effectively; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-407). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

¶1.35 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. NETHERCUTT:

H.R. 3089. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the submission to Congress and the public of the identity of any individual for whom a waiver of the eligibility requirements for interment in Arlington National Cemetery is granted, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mrs. CHENOWETH, and Mr. ROHRBACHER):

H.R. 3090. A bill to require the withdrawal of the United States from the International Monetary Fund; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3091. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require a two-thirds vote on the passage of legislation that repeals, increases, or waives the discretionary spending limit or repeals or waives the pay-as-you-go provisions of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 if the current year budget was not in surplus or the budget for the fiscal year immediately preceding such year was not in surplus; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia:

H.R. 3092. A bill to repeal authority for administration of an au pair program by the United States Information Agency; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia:

H.R. 3093. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add the drug flunitrazepam to schedule I of the schedules of control substances; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as

fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GIBBONS (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

H.R. 3094. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from promulgating certain regulations relating to Indian gaming activities; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ARCHER (for himself and Mr. KASICH):

H.R. 3095. A bill to establish the Bipartisan Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GREENWOOD:

H.R. 3096. A bill to correct a provision relating to termination of benefits for convicted persons; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LARGENT (for himself, Mr. PAXON, Mr. KASICH, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. COOKSEY, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. EHRLICH, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. JONES, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MCCREY, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. METCALF, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PAUL, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. RILEY, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHADEGG, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. STUMP, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MCKEON, and Mr. BONILLA):

H.R. 3097. A bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LIVINGSTON:

H.R. 3098. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate public financing of Presidential election campaigns; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCNULTY (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FORD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. BALDACCIO):

H.R. 3099. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require that recipients of Federal payments have the option to receive such payments by electronic funds transfer or by check; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. BONIOR (for himself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. CLAY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COYNE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GREEN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts,